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AN Eastern capitalist whose money had been drifting in the pockets of his illegal adviser claims to have been hypnotized. His theory seems to be that capability in theft, cultivated to a point approaching perfection, loses its larcenous character and becomes a science.

NUMEROUS metal ties have been invented and many roads have tried them, but all have proved unsatisfactory. The principal objection to them are their cost and their non-elasticity. A track laid on metal ties wears out rolling stock much faster than one laid on timber.

AS THERE are faint signs on the horizon that the pugilistic industry is declining in this country, the professionals should look over the field offered by the French chamber of deputies. If the Frenchmen knew how to put up their props anybody would give \$10 to attend a session of the chambers.

THE reason that hats are occasionally lost at the White house these days may be due to two diametrically opposite causes, thus: As a result of some interviews with Grover the head swells to such an extent that the hat is lost in the howling wilderness about it; in others the cap shrinks to such a degree that the owner swears he never possessed such a misfit in his life.

NEW MEXICO has a story about the discovery of forty-three skeletons left inadvertently on the desert sands by a company of cavalry that went out in 1879 and never came back again. The habit of the army authorities of turning companies into the wilderness and not even sending to find what had become of their bones is very late to make itself known, but it is reprehensible and ought to stop.

A CALIFORNIA woman agreed to marry a mature major from Minnesota. Before the date set for the wedding the major was so far forgetful of his obligations to die. He made the amende honorable by leaving his fortune to his fiancée. Relatives started the usual contest and lawyers extracted the customary fees, but the California heart has been comforted by a share amounting to about \$15,000. To have loved and lost is a painful condition, but that it may be marked by alleviating circumstances nobody with even an ordinary commercial instinct will deny.

"Mud miners" is the term used to describe a class of workmen employed to labor in a tunnel which is being built as a conduit for gas under the East river from New York to Brooklyn. The pressure of condensed air is so great in the tunnel that even strong men labor only two hours and are then taken to the surface to recuperate. Recently there have been several deaths in the tunnel. So frequently have ambulances been summoned to the entrance that the police authorities are making an investigation with a view to lessening the danger to the workmen, who are in future to be examined by a physician before descending into the shaft.

If cholera ever breaks out in any of the homes located on the Croton watershed, where it is estimated 45,000 people live, the people of New York who drink the drainage of the watershed will stand about as much of a chance to escape the malady as would a consumer of strychnine to escape the gripes. One case of cholera anywhere in the Croton valley could contaminate the water supply of America's metropolis. The city made one great mistake in not burying all the territory drained by Croton river years ago and converting it into a park. The mistake will have to be corrected some day, and at an expense mistake, or else New York will have to go to Lake Ontario for a water supply.

THE Boston Herald insists that the snow-shoveling profession in large cities is going to be reckoned ere long among the lost arts; that as civilization advances municipalities will learn how to clean streets and sidewalks of the offending snow without the use of shovels and scrapers; that it will be by some method of generating heat with extraordinary cheapness and by ingenious devices, bringing it to bear with such effect as to dissipate the snow as fast as it falls and prevent entirely the formation of ice. And then, when these Utopian days roll around, and frost becomes colorful, lubrication friction, and vegetation withers and dries up under the parching influences of floods of rain, the earth, by the movement of a lever, will be made to reverse its axis revolution. A button will be touched, and presto! a blizzard is a summer zephyr, below zero cold a sunstroke.

ACTED UNDER ORDERS

BLOUNT WAS TOLD TO TAKE THE FLAG DOWN.

His Action in Honolulu the Subject of General Discussion in Washington Though the President and His Cabinet Were Not Surprised by the News.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The news from Hawaii of the pulling down of the stars and stripes has excited great interest in the National capital. At the State Department it was the main topic of discussion yesterday, although no official advice had been received to confirm the unofficial reports in the newspapers.

The Cabinet met at 11 o'clock and attention was naturally directed to the Hawaiian subject. There was little more than random discussion, however, as the course of Mr. Blount was in no way a surprise to Mr. Cleveland or the members of the Cabinet. Mr. Blount was not acting on his independent judgment. The administration has recognized from the first that annexation would be subject to much criticism if it were accomplished while Hawaii was subject to our protection and under our flag.

There is a diplomatic reticence around the White House concerning the nature of the instructions given Commissioner Blount, but it is stated with some positiveness that he was given authority for hauling down the stars and stripes at Honolulu prior to his departure from Washington. It is understood that Mr. Blount was given definite instructions to withdraw the protectorate of the United States over Hawaii in order that this government might find itself freer in dealing with the main question of annexation, but on the day of his departure for San Francisco he was cautioned to confide this information to no person in order that the motives and the intentions of the administration might not be construed so as to cause trouble among the Hawaiians.

On the afternoon of his departure from Washington for San Francisco Mr. Blount spent some time at the White House. The Cabinet was in session and Mr. Blount was called in and discussed with the President and his official family the manner of his course to be pursued in Hawaii. He left for San Francisco that night, but the nature of his mission leaked out before he was a thousand miles from Washington and the news was telegraphed to San Francisco, where Mr. Burk, Queen Liliuokalani's agent, learned it and started immediately for Honolulu. When Mr. Blount arrived at his destination the knowledge of his business had preceded him. It was not the intention to keep secret what that business was, with the exception of the fact that the Commissioner had authority to declare the protectorate at an end. The exception was guarded carefully. Mr. Blount for the reason given, it is said, by the President that if the fact that the American flag was to be hauled down became known it might create trouble and bloodshed, and also offer temptation to foreign nations to step in and secure the prize before the United States could offer adequate explanations for its course.

WERE FOUND DEAD IN BED.

W. C. Irving Gillis of Louisville Poisoned by a Woman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 17.—W. C. Irving Gillis, a well-known young Louisville man of a prominent family, who only returned from a short residence in Chicago, and a young woman, Lizzie Celpner, a member of the demi monde, known as Mamie Wilson, were found dead in bed at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a rear room on a second floor of Fishback's lodging house. Unmistakable evidence points to the fact that Gillis was dosed with morphine in whiskey by the woman who afterward ended her life by taking a similar dose. Gillis and the woman registered as H. B. Hibbit and wife of Chicago. The couple spent Wednesday night at the lodging house and returned there again at 3:30 o'clock last night and were shown the same room they had occupied the night before. Gillis told Mrs. Fishback to call them at noon as he had business of importance to attend to. When the door of the room was opened by Mr. Fishback he saw lying diagonally across the bed the bodies of the man and woman but partially covered with a quilt. They had doubtless been dead for hours.

Miner Killed at Farmington.

CANTON, Ill., April 17.—Fred Duhl was killed in the Maplewood mines near Farmington at noon yesterday. He had prepared two "shots" for a blast and one of them went off on time. The other hung fire, and when Duhl went to examine it the explosion occurred, killing him instantly. A miner named Sprinkle, who was standing near, was injured, but not fatally. Fred Duhl's father lives at Staunton, Ill., where the remains will be taken after the coroner's inquest. He was 30 years old and unmarried.

Detroit Wants the Oarsmen.

DETROIT, Mich., April 17.—Detroit is bound to have the foreign crews here for the national and international regatta this summer if it is possible to bring them here by fair means. Fred D. Standish of the Detroit Boat club left this morning for the continent to work in behalf of Detroit.

Mr. Standish is a member of the executive board of the National association and he goes to England and France on the advice of both the national association and Detroit's citizens' committee of fifteen. He will sail from New York on Saturday.

EMBEZZLER MAURER CAUGHT.

Says He was Taken Sick and Didn't Know What He was Doing.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., April 17.—Detective Johnson of Chicago arrived last night with Will A. Maurer, for whom a reward of \$500 was offered over a year ago. Maurer was for years a trusted employee of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and was for two years district and local manager here, handling large sums of money. In December, 1894, he made out his monthly report and left the city to go to Detroit. He was not heard from in several days, and detectives were sent out on his trail, as he had \$2,600 of the company's money in his possession. He was not found and a reward of \$500 was offered for his arrest.

Maurer was interviewed last night. He said that when arrested in Chicago he was on his way to this city to meet State Superintendent Forbes of Detroit. He says he was taken sick while on his way to Detroit with the money and found himself, several weeks after, down with fever in a Fort Scott (Kan.) hospital. He says that he learned soon afterward that he was wanted for embezzlement and began at once to earn enough to pay back his stealings. He says he has been working for a Fort Scott carriage company, selling carriages on the road for over a year, and is confident that he can settle the matter with the company.

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

Matthew Bitson Not Yet Run Down—Reward of \$500 Offered.

JANESVILLE, Wis., April 17.—The excitement over the murder, by Matthew Bitson, of his wife and Mrs. Arthur Hearn has not abated in the least. The country has been scoured for twenty miles around, but it seems to be the opinion of the police that under cover of the night he caught a north-bound train. If he reached the Johnson creek settlement, between Jefferson and Watertown, he is doubtless hiding with Bohemian friends.

Bitson and his wife both had hard reputations. She had two children, a boy aged 12 and a girl aged 8, by a former husband—Mortimer Hines, now of Beloit. Bitson has relatives on a farm near Palmyra, and it is thought he may be headed toward them. Until two years ago he spent much of his time on the great lakes. A reward of \$500 has been offered for his capture. The funeral of Mrs. Hearn, one of the victims, will be held Sunday afternoon at the house adjoining the scene of the tragedy.

WON'T BUY OUR GOODS.

Decrease of Over \$95,000,000 in the Export of Food Products.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The adverse turn of the balance of trade against the United States continues to be shown by the figures of the bureau of statistics. The total exports of breadstuffs for the last month were \$13,866,000, for the corresponding month of 1892 they were \$23,072,000, a falling off for the month of \$9,206,000.

For the nine months ending March, 1893, the exports of breadstuffs were \$145,032,000; for the corresponding nine months in the previous fiscal year they were \$233,159,000, a falling off in nine months of \$88,127,000.

The decrease in the exportation of hog, beef and dairy products has been almost equally marked. For the month of March last the exports of these products were \$8,231,000; for the corresponding month of 1892, \$11,525,000, a falling off of \$3,292,000. For the nine months ending March 1, the exports of these products were \$27,300,000; for the corresponding nine months of the previous fiscal year, \$33,982,000, a falling off of \$6,682,000.

Re-Elected by the Mine Workers.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 17.—John McBride of Ohio was yesterday re-elected President of the United Mine Workers of America by a vote of 213 to 30 for S. E. Herron, 3 for J. P. Jones and 3 for W. R. Riley. F. H. Penna of Indiana was elected Vice-President. Patrick McBride was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer over Mr. Hatchford, who received 35 votes. The vote in detail on President is interesting, as it shows how the feeling against John McBride changed after the accusation that he had given more attention to national politics than to the good of the order had been fully investigated.

Lucky Men of the Fourth Class.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell yesterday appointed 29 fourth-class postmasters, involving the removal of forty-seven Illinois received the following appointments: M. V. Hamilton of Delhi, Jersey County, to succeed E. D. Griggs, resigned; George W. Craig of Dundas, Richland County, to succeed R. W. Jackson, resigned; Ira Lander of Ellsworth, McLean County, to succeed C. A. Shinkle, resigned; A. G. Foster of Enfield, White County, to succeed Theodore Tronley, resigned; J. S. Owsley of Keokuk, DeWitt County, to succeed H. W. Spillman, resigned; J. S. Hamilton, Oskaloosa, Clay County, to succeed H. H. McElynn, resigned; Henry Stats, Strington, Richland County, to succeed O. H. Heath, resigned; F. S. Ritchie, Warrensburg, Macon County, to succeed G. W. Thompson, resigned; J. P. Strange, Waynesville, DeWitt County, to succeed R. D. Sessions, resigned; T. J. Kessinger, Wrightsville, Green County, to succeed C. Moser, resigned.

Plowing Under Their Wheat.

FAIRBURY, Ill., April 17.—The farmers are now at work plowing under their wheat. It is estimated that at least two-thirds of the fields will have to be plowed under. The acreage sown in this section was very large and the numerous sleetstorms during the winter damaged the plants considerably, but the wheat-raisers expect their favorite grain to come out in good shape yet with favorable spring weather. In this they were disappointed, as the last week spoiled most of the fields.

IS CHOLERA HERE?

A SUPPOSED CASE AT MONMOUTH, ILL.

A Stranger at the Depot Taken Sick with All the Symptoms of the Terrible Asiatic Plague—Montreal Alarmed By the Outlook.

MONMOUTH, Ill., April 17.—Passengers awaiting their trains at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Depot were panic-stricken on hearing a report that a man who had symptoms of Asiatic cholera was lying in one of the waiting-rooms awaiting a train going west. A lady accompanying the man was the author of the statement that he was afflicted with the dread Asiatic plague. He was unable to walk or even sit up and had to be carried into the car. The man came to Monmouth from some station north of here and was on his way west. The greatest excitement prevails among the citizens.

MONTREAL, Quebec, April 15.—A startling cablegram has been received here to the effect that immigrants from Hamburg who started out of the infected districts are smuggled through to Canadian ports via Liverpool.

The health authorities are thoroughly alarmed. The steamship men deny the truth of the cable. Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, head of the provincial board of health, said that he thought it quite possible to bring infected immigrants into Canada by way of England. He thought there was no immediate danger as far as Montreal was concerned, as navigation had not opened here yet. As to the likelihood of such infected immigrants passing through Halifax Dr. Lachapelle would not express an opinion.

Here is what a passenger agent of one of our railway lines said: "Immigrants from any part of Europe can book to Liverpool and London and not be stopped, even if they are from infected ports. They can rebook them to Canada. The steamships and railways will take their good money and stand the chance of their being stopped on this side. If this cable is reliable, and it is sent by a responsible person, there is every need for the health authorities here to bestir themselves."

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15.—Julius Schelke, the immigrant from cholera-infected Hamburg via Canada, who has been endeavoring to gain an entrance to this country from Fort Erie, succeeded in getting across the river in a boat and eluding the customs officials. He went to the house of his brother-in-law, John Brisko, in this city. A Canadian customs official named House is accused in complicity in smuggling Schelke across the river and complaint will be made to the authorities at Ottawa in his case.

Nomination of Judges and Others.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate yesterday:

Richard H. Alvey of Maryland to be Chief Justice, and Martin F. Morris of the District of Columbia and Seth Shepard of Texas to be Associate Justices of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

Levi H. Manning of Arizona to be Surveyor General of Arizona.

John Larabee of South Dakota to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Rapid City, S. D. William Aughin of Minnesota to be Receiver of Public Moneys at Crookston, Minn. Lucius Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi to be Recorder of the general land office.

Robert E. Gillespie of Tennessee to be principal Clerk of the public lands in the General Land Office.

John C. Geraghty of Minnesota, to be Collector of Customs for the District of Minnesota.

Charles H. Miller of Illinois, to be Surveyor of Customs for the port of Galena, Ill.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

Annual Election of Officers by the Wisconsin Grand Council.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 17.—The Grand Council, Royal Arcanum of Wisconsin, yesterday elected officers as follows: Grand Regent, E. A. Dow of Plymouth; Grand Vice Regent, S. A. Ecbstein, of Milwaukee; Grand Orator, G. B. Byron of Keweenaw; Grand Past Regent, E. C. Deane, Racine; Grand Secretary, C. D. Simonds of Milwaukee; Grand Treasurer, R. W. Dunlap of Milwaukee; Grand Guide, H. Glinley, Green Bay; Grand Chaplain, W. G. Oliver, Oconto; Grand Warden, F. C. Arnold, Oshkosh; Grand Sentry, F. F. Turner, Monroe; Trustees, S. H. Burnham, Janesville; F. C. Thiers, Kenosha; E. S. Mason, Beaver Dam. Mr. Deane and W. J. Abrams will represent Wisconsin at the Supreme Council Convention, to be held in Minneapolis in June.

One of the Jacksonville Institutions.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., April 17.—It is now pretty well decided that Dr. J. F. McKenzie of Leroy will be the successor of Dr. H. F. Carriel as Superintendent of the Central Hospital for the Insane. Dr. McKenzie is a resident of Leroy, a small place above Bloomington, and is a brother-in-law of Vice-President Stevenson. There is considerable trouble between the Governor and the new Trustees of the institution, as Mr. Altgeld has farmed out the places and the Trustees have friends to whom they have also made promises. Several trips have been made to Springfield to try to settle matters, but so far without success.

Was Tired of Living.

FAIRBURY, Ill., April 17.—M. von Bergen, an aged German, killed himself by taking a dose of Paris green. He suffered intensely before his death. He said that he had got tired of living.

HILL HANGED FOR MURDER.

The Killing of Derrickson at Camden, N. J., Is Avenged.

CAMDEN, N. J., April 17.—John Hill (colored), 19 years of age, was hanged here this morning for the murder of Marwood Derrickson (also colored), as a result of a political quarrel. The drop fell at 10:34.

The negroes were frequenters of a saloon run by Albert Reed and Marwood Derrickson, both colored. Hill secretly took a revolver from the till and went out. He hid behind a tent and when Derrickson passed shot him down.

The murderer then returned the revolver and told what he had done. He was captured the same afternoon and made a confession in which he declared that Reed and Dodson had hired him to commit the deed for a compensation of \$2.50 and promised to get him off should he be arrested.

Reed and Dodson were arrested as accomplices. Hill was convicted and sentenced, and recently, when all hope of a reprieve had vanished, told the Rev. James H. Scott he alone was responsible for Derrickson's death and that his story implicating the saloon-keepers was false. They had previously been acquitted.

SLAIN WITH HIS OWN GUN.

An Aged Georgian Shot by a Robber While Trying to Defend His Property.

VALDOS, Ga., April 7.—The worst crime in the history of Lowndes County was committed yesterday seven miles south of this place, the victim being an old man named John F. Wisenbaker. Mrs. Wisenbaker was in the house attending to the domestic duties when she was suddenly accosted by a man, who commanded her to keep still or he would kill her. The villain then took Wisenbaker's gun, and went into an adjoining room and proceeded to break open a wooden wardrobe in which the old man kept his money. Mrs. Wisenbaker slipped out and called her husband. The old man entered the house and was met by a fusillade of bullets from the robber's pistol. None of them took effect, and the old man raised his hoe to strike him. The stranger quickly seized the gun and sent a charge of shot into Wisenbaker's heart. Mrs. Wisenbaker gave the alarm, but when help arrived the robber had gone, taking with him what money he could find. Three men are under arrest on suspicion.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

L. M. Rumsey & Co.'s Factory at St. Louis Damaged by an Early Morning Blaze.

ST. LOUIS, April 7.—The pump and brass goods department of L. M. Rumsey & Co.'s factory, corner of Second Street and Franklin Avenue, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, with partial insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

LEWISTON, Pa., April 15.—The Lewiston Ax Works were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$75,000; insurance unknown.

DIAMOND LAKE, Mich., April 14.—The West Michigan Lumber Company's yards were destroyed by fire yesterday. Seven million feet of lumber, 500,000 bundles each of shingles and lath and ten freight cars were burned. The loss will reach \$100,000. The fire was caused by a spark from an engine.

MISS PHELPS TO WED.

The American Minister's Daughter Engaged to Dr. Franz von Rothenburg.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Miss Marian Phelps, the only daughter of William Walter Phelps, American minister to Germany, and Dr. Franz von Rothenburg, Under Secretary of the Interior of Germany, it is announced, are engaged to be married. Miss Phelps is a Bergen County girl, born on her father's beautiful estate in New Jersey. Those who are aware of the strong affection between father and daughter are surprised to hear that Miss Phelps will make her home so far away from the place of her birth. Miss Phelps has always taken great interest in political events and is well informed upon governmental affairs. The wedding, it is expected, will take place in Berlin next month. The couple will spend the summer in Europe and in the autumn will visit this country.

STREET CAR BILLS HUNG UP.

Attempt Will Be Made to Force a Report From the Sub-Committee.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 7.—There is a scandal brewing in the House Committee on Municipal Corporations, which will probably be brought to the notice of the House. The sub-committee to which has been referred four important street car bills has been dallying with them over six weeks and no effort has been availing to get a report from them. The members of the sub-committee are Morris, chairman; Conway, Gleason, Nohe and Kent. The bills provide for a reduction of street car fares and the issuance of transfers.

Engineers Who Went Out.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 17.—General Supt. Caniff of the Lake Shore road was closeted in his office all morning with the engineers who went out to T. edo during the recent labor trouble. They all petitioned for reinstatement, and discussed the case with Mr. Caniff for several hours. At noon they were still in session.

Hard Times in Australia.

LONDON, April 17.—Sixty destitute British emigrants, who arrived at Southampton from Australia yesterday, report it impossible to find work in Australia, owing to the deplorable condition of the labor market. Several of them begged for public relief at Southampton. They declare that further companies of emigrants equally destitute are returning to England.